attention on Pakistan's role in aiding and abetting terrorism in Kashmir introduced the report into the US Congressional record on Jiun$_0$ 22, 1994.

(c) Government have consistently maintained that Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India is continuing. Pakistan ha$_s$ been training Kashmiri militants, providing them with arm$_s$ and financial support and actively assisting them to infiltrate scross the L-OC into J & K. Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the support being extended by Pakistan $^+$o subversion and terrorism directed against India.

(d) Government have intensified surveillance and petrolling along the border/LQC to prevent infiltration, nrnent remain vigilant about fies detrimental to national se. 1 take all measures to safe-*?'*- -d it.

Indo-Pak relations

174. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFPAIPS be pleased to state:

(a) the various factors responsible for the deteriorating Indo-Pak relations;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve Indo-Pak relations;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the last six months; and

(d) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TIiF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(s) Pakistan's continued support to sUfewrskm and terrorism against India.

5tf« concerted campaign t$_o$ in'.ernatjonallse K"sh$^{mlr\ issae\ and\ itn\ hostlle}$ p^oaganda directed against India in violation of the Simla Agreement cause tensions and impede good neighbourly relations between, the two countries. The incidents of harassment of Indian diplomats based in Islamabad and Karachi have further vitiated the atmosphere of bilateral relations. The restrictive visa regime for Indian nationals adopted by Pakistan has adversely affected pcople-to-people contacts between India rnd Pakistan.

(b) to (d) Government are committed to resolve all differences with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework cF the Simla Agreement.

Pursuan to the Seventh round of India-Pakistan Foreign Secretary level talks at Islamabad from 1-3 January, 1894, Government forwarded to Pakis tan on 24 January, 1994 six Non. 'Papers >1ontcningi specific, and con structive suggestions on Siachen. Sir Creek agreement on maintenance of peace and tranquility along the LOG, Tulbal Navigation Project, ad ditional Confidence Building Measures *F*4* India-Pakistan Joint Commis sion,

On March 21, 1994 Government once again urged Pakistan to consider the Indian proposals with sincerity oi purpose as they could form the basis of a comprehensive and meaningful f-Ualoque and suggested that the Eighth Roonrt of Foreign Secretery level talks rnay be resumed either in New rwibi n" in Islamabad. Pakistan's resnon?f is awaited.

In dp .'Russia" rreenient on debt settlement

175. DR. MHRU MANOHAR JOSHI:
8HF-T TfWWCT NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

fa) -he important oojnrs discussed with Russian Government durine.

the Prime Minister's recent visit to Moscow and the decisions arrived at;

(b) whethe, any decision has been 'taken on the debt settlement; and

(c) if so, what are the details and if not, what is the present status of the matter?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Prime Minister's discussions with Russian leaders in Moscow were wide-ranging and prtductive. International and regional issues of mutual interest were discussed. Particular attention was paid to the development of bilateral cooperation in the political, economic, commercial, defence, science and technology and other fields. Declarations of the protection of the inerests of pluralistic state and on the further development and intensification of bijateral ties and a number of important documents covering tourism, science and technology, information technology, space, environment, standardisation, meteorology, and defence-related co-operation were signed. An understanding was arrived at on overcoming obstacles in the defence sector. It was also agreed to give particular focus to interaction in the field of culture.

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oeitt were finalis-"93, The modalities of the utilisation of the Rupee balance^ against debt .repayments was discussed during Prime Minis-r's visit t$_0$ Moscow. It was agreed that a' 2-3 year ■ perspective plan would be drawn up in respect of tea, tobacco, soyabean shoe uoper and pharmaceuticals so that thexe is greater predictability and certainty o£ upliftment of these items from year to year. Rupee balances would be used for imports of Indian goods i»to Russia and for investing in agreed projects in India and Russia.

Foreign Ministerial talks on illegal emigrants upon India *and* Bangladesh

176. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue relating to [illegible]turn of the illegal Bangladeshi [illegible]grants was discussed during his recent talks with the foreign Ministe[illegible]ngladesh; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) [illegible] In April, 1993, External Affa[illegible]er while conveying our concerns stressed the need for stemming illegal immigration from Bangladesh into India. The Bangladeshi side noted that the Joint Working Group comprising senior officials of both sides has since been tasked to recommend measures to resolve this issue.

Talks [illegible]ween India a[illegible]adesh

177. SHRI [illegible] JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held any talks w[illegible] leaders of Bangladesh durin[illegible]ent visit to that country in connection with the SAARC summit;

(b) if so, the broad outcome thereof;

(c) whether the issue of sharing of Ganga water also figured in the talks; and

(d) if so, the oucome thereof?